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Centenary Day

On Thursday 11 May 2023, Stowe celebrated its Centenary. To mark the occasion, the whole School gathered for a Chapel service during which the Head spoke;

"We are here to celebrate a momentous occasion - the Centenary of Stowe School. For exactly one hundred years, 300 terms, 36,400 days and 874,000 hours, the School has been sustained by the strength of its proposition: to educate Stoics for success in all aspects of life. When the founding Headmaster, JF Roxburgh, welcomed the first 99 boys on the North Front Steps, he introduced a new ecology of education which was rooted in the belief that each and every pupil has unique abilities and talents waiting to be discovered, the jewel that lies within, a potentiality which could be burnished and polished to dazzle the world with creativity, originality and flair.

Perhaps the most remarkable testimony to Roxburgh's success is the speed with which Stowe took its place as one of the top independent schools in this country.

This Chapel is a representation in wood and stone of heaven above and earth below with the Benedictine roundels above the arcaded nave depicting the story of creation itself. When Chapel opened in 1929, the School numbered just over 500 Stoics, there are nearly 1,000 people here today, and this building is a resounding affirmation of how youthful optimism quickly replaced the faded grandeur of the Dukes of Buckingham.

Roxburgh wanted Stoics to appreciate what is great and good, to learn how to learn, to acquire taste, discrimination, and self-knowledge. From the classrooms to the Bourbon

playing fields, generations of Stoics have acquired a true understanding of what it means to be a Change Maker. Most schools are preoccupied with the "how" of education - curriculum delivery, inspections, exam metrics - here at Stowe we are more interested in the "why" of education. We have remained true to the School's founding principles: we believe that a person's character is a better predictor of success in later life than exam metrics. We prize character virtues such as perseverance, gratitude, empathy, humility, tolerance, and respect. In a world beset by spiritual anorexia, fake news, and artificial intelligence which can generate a speech like this in seconds, there are immutable values, clear distinctions between right and wrong, good and bad. The heart of a Stowe education remains the education of the heart.

From the pioneering vision of JF Roxburgh, to the dedicated work of the hundreds of Teachers and Support Staff who followed, Stowe has always been at the forefront of educational innovation and excellence. Throughout its history, Stowe has guided Stoics to embrace every opportunity and to make the most of their time in this fair, majestic paradise. We enable, expect, engage and empower Stoics to develop positive attitudes to learning, to challenge dull conformity and deadening dogma, to listen carefully, to take responsibility for their own performance and gain a better understanding of their place in this amazing universe. The aim is to create well-rounded young adults who will contribute to society by being agents of change and becoming Change Makers. This is not change for change's sake, but change as part of our culture of continuous improvement, providing Stoics with a toolkit not just for a life of tests, but the tests of life.





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Alexander Pope, a frequent visitor to Stowe, told us that "in everything you do, you should consult the spirit of the place". Stowe has been fashioned as though by the brush of some unseen artist; every day creates new harmonies of tone and colour on a canvas with an endless succession of vistas and views. We live and work in a garden, a unique metaverse which brings together education, art, nature and pleasure. Like the Ghost in Hamlet, saying 'Remember me', Stowe imprints itself indelibly on the consciousness of every Stoic. When everything that we have learned in the classroom has been forgotten, Stowe lingers in the memory like woodsmoke on an Autumn's day. The spirit and essence of Stowe, which in the eighteenth century had been the very spirit and essence of England, watches over us and exhorts our Change Makers to live out their dreams with open eyes to make their dreams come true.

And where better to find inspiration than among these classic temples, these woodland slopes and pellucid lakes? Gardens take us back to the creation story in Genesis, where the first human, Adam, was tasked with looking after the Garden of Eden. Stowe is modelled on another garden, Arcadia, home to Gods like Apollo, the Olympian God of the sun and light, music and poetry, prophecy and knowledge who has recently taken his place at the entrance to the Elysian Fields where he joins the Nine Muses who dedicated their lives to the Arts. Arcadia, like Stowe, is a physical place, but also a place of the imagination, a place where we can tap into a universal pulse, something greater than anyone can know or understand, a place where we can learn, but a place where we can get away from the pressures of daily life, re-charge, keep things in perspective.

To Roxburgh, youth represented the unfurling rose, not the full bloom. It is therefore, entirely, appropriate, that we mark Stowe's Centenary with the restoration of Mr Roxburgh's Garden, created in 1923 by the pioneering landscape architect, Brenda Colvin, to adjoin the Headmaster's living quarters behind the balustrade on the eastern parterre. A garden is a dynamic art work made with living materials, including nature itself, a constant reminder of the cycle of life, death and renewal, a thing of beauty, a joy forever.

Today, as we celebrate this important centenary milestone, we are reminded of the 15,000 Stoics who have crossed the Oxford Water, who sat where you are sitting, took their exams, played sport, performed in concerts and plays, each one leaving their mark on the School and the world beyond. We are proud of Old Stoic philanthropists like Leonard Cheshire and Nicholas Winton, entrepreneurs like John Sainsbury and Richard Branson, actors like David Niven and Henry Cavill, musicians like George Melly and Roger Hodgson, academics like Tony Quinton and Michael Ventris, and Olympians like Marilyn Okoro and James Rudkin.

We also remember with proud thanksgiving the 2,000 Old Stoics who served with great distinction in the Armed Forces during World War Two, winning 228 medals for gallantry, including two Victoria Crosses. Old Stoics were represented in every major battle and 270, a proportion of one in seven, made the ultimate sacrifice. They died for us to be free, brave to the end against odds uncounted, the never to be forgotten spirits of Stowe's spirit.

As we look to the future, we know that Stowe must continue to evolve and adapt, to meet the needs of a rapidly changing and uncertain world. We must continue to challenge and inspire Stoics to reach their full potential and prepare them for the opportunities which lie ahead. As we celebrate this centenary, we are filled with hope and optimism for the future. We know that Stowe will continue to be a place of inspiration and excellence, where Change Makers can discover their passions, develop their talents, and make a difference as they go from Stowe to their communities, from their communities to their nations and from their nations to the world.

Let us celebrate this Centenary with joy and gratitude, and let us look to the future with confidence and hope. Persto et Praesto - I stand firm, I stand fast, appropriately enough the opening words of the School song, Happy 100th Birthday Stowe."

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Head

As part of the Centenary Day, the whole School community came together to watch Catriona Lloyd (née Roxburgh), current Governor of the School and Michael Likierman OS (Chandos 58) open the beautifully reinstated JF Roxburgh's Garden on the East Parterre of the South Front.



Centenary Day Fete



Thursday 11 May saw the celebration of 100 years of Stowe and I think it was a worthy celebration for such an important milestone.

Following a Chapel Service and the opening of Mr Roxburgh's Garden, the afternoon was filled with fun. I had organised a 1920s fete, with each House running a stall in the style of a classic village fete. We had a coconut shy, welly wanging, hook a duck and many more. The favourite stall of the day was definitely the dunk tank, run by Queen's, where hitting a target with a ball led to either a member of Staff or pupil a being dunked into water; this was very entertaining for all, as I am sure you can imagine!

I also organised a Staff dog show which ran alongside the fete and was very well received. We had three categories: Agility, Best in Show and Veteran Class.

The Agility category kicked the competition off, with ten contestants navigating our course of hurdles, a tunnel and even a paddling pool. The Rickner's Spaniel Jura was the winner in this category as she zoomed around the course with few mistakes. Best in Show followed, which was judged by Old Stoic Society Chair, Mr Chauveau (Cobham 87). Each entrant walked up to the judge, performed their best trick and gave their cutest puppy eyes in the hope of a big bag of treats. The competition was very close with Miss Elliot's Golden Retriever, Ruby, taking the Win with her impressive tricks.

The Veteran class was open to all dogs over five years old and it was judged by Chair of Governors Mr Creedy-Smith. We had some lovely dogs entered, with the Winner being Juno, Lt Col de Gale's Labrador.

During and after the dog show, the celebrations continued with the dodgems and waltzers proving very popular, even when the heavens inevitably opened for 20 minutes!

The whole afternoon was a brilliant success; everyone left beaming, with most covered in glitter tattoos and face paint. The concert that followed was the perfect end to a memorable Centenary Day.

Emily Sutton, Head Girl (Upper Sixth, Queen's)



Stoic Centenary Concert



On Thursday 11 May, as part of the Centenary celebrations, an extraordinary concert took place on the North Front, orchestrated and headlined by the immensely talented Stoic singer-songwriter, Ruby Cooke. The stage was set on the Grenville Colonnade, from which the crowd experienced truly captivating performances by a festival worthy lineup.

When the headline act took to the stage, the crowd erupted with applause, fully aware of the magic that was about to unfold. Backed by an exceptionally talented ensemble of Stoic musicians Ruby embarked on a musical journey that resonated with every listener in attendance, the band members' instrumental prowess, combined with Cooke's outstanding vocal ability and magnetic stage presence, created a seamless fusion of sound and emotion.

Amongst the grand celebration of the School's Centenary, Ruby Cooke and her fellow Stoics delivered an unforgettable concert experience - an indelible moment in the history of the School. The concert was an extraordinary celebration of music, talent, the enduring legacy of the School, and its Change Makers.

Ben Weston, Music Technology and Studio Manager

The concert began with Rafe Gordon (Upper Sixth, Winton) who performed three songs, with his rendition of 'Let Me Entertain You' setting the mood for the rest of the concert.

Following Rafe, we had a very memorable performance from Tamia Sibanda (Upper Sixth, West) with Amy Winehouse's 'Tears Dry on Their Own' which got everyone dancing.

The Staff band, made up of Mr Weston on guitar, Mrs Bryden on bass, Mr Andrew on keys and Mr Mills on drums then joined the concert and accompanied the rest of the performers.

Bella Elliott (Upper Sixth, Stanhope) sang a number of songs with her thrilling performance of 'Don't Start Now' providing much buzz to the concert. Bella was later joined by Aurora Flanagan (Lower Sixth, Stanhope) and both performed a dynamic duet of '9 to 5' by Dolly Parton.

Owen Gunn (Lower Sixth, Chandos) got everyone singing with his outstanding performance of 'Don't You (Forget About Me)'. He was followed by Jemima Pearson-Gee (Lower Sixth, Nugent) who gave a stunning performance of 'You've Got the Love' before doing a duet with Connie Goodrich (Lower Sixth, Nugent) of Amy Winehouse's 'Valerie'. Connie then proceeded to do a gripping set consisting of music from The Kooks and Declan McKenna.

The pupil band took to the stage to headline the concert. The band comprised of Paddy Potts (bass) (Upper Sixth, Chandos), Ruairi Massie (drums) (Upper Sixth, Walpole), Ronan O'Reilly (guitar) (Upper Sixth, Grenville), Connie Goodrich (guitar) and myself (vocals). We played a 20-minute set featuring music from Kings of Leon, Paramore and several other artists before closing the set with an energetic performance of Taylor Swift's 'You Belong with Me'.

I would like to thank each performer and the Staff band for their hard work and congratulate them on an incredible show.

Ruby Cooke (Upper Sixth, Lyttelton)

Centenary Service of Celebration

at Southwark Cathedral in London



On Wednesday 17 May, over 400 Old Stoics and Friends of Stowe came together in the magnificent surroundings of Southwark Cathedral to mark the Centenary. Our first guest speaker was Lord Grade of Yarmouth, (Grafton 61), who welcomed everyone and remembered his school days at Stowe; the lack of central heating, "the coldest lino in Christendom", and cycling into Buckingham for a cream tea.

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner transported us back to 1923 and the era of JF Roxburgh, where he noted Roxburgh's unusual courtesy and consideration for the individual pupil, where gratitude was highly rated, and pomposity and snobbery were disdained. We were reminded of the Stowe Zoo, home to rabbits, ferrets, pigeons, as well as a laughing jackass and a brown bear, who had the unhappy distinction of being expelled.

Admiral Sir James Burnell-Nugent (Grafton 67), reflected on the contribution and sacrifices of two thousand Old Stoics in the Second World War, and the 270 who died. Those who fought in the Special Forces, those killed on the beaches of Dunkirk and Stoics who were awarded the Victoria Cross for Gallantry. Sir James highlighted the story of Second Lt TS Lucas, who displayed Stoic initiative by escaping German capture in France, walked 20 miles to the coast, helped himself to a dinghy and rowed over 21 miles back to England.

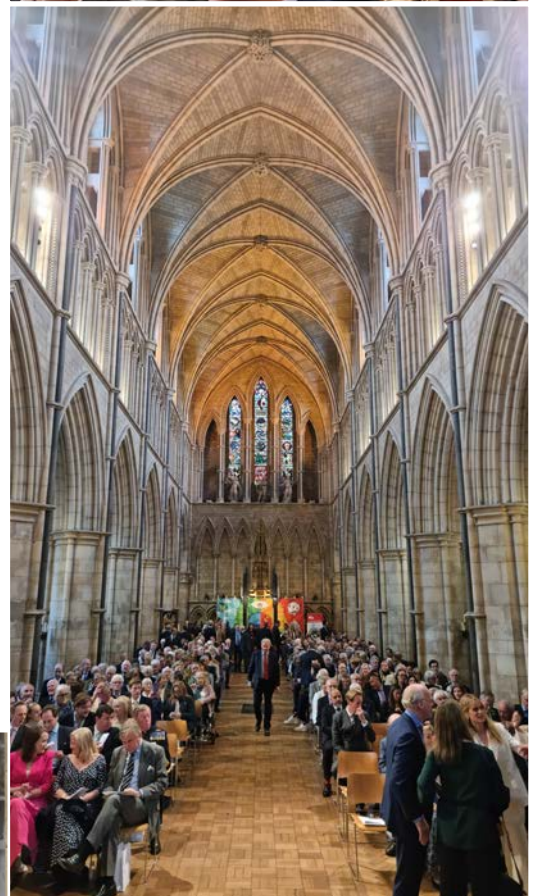
Chris Atkinson (Chatham 59) looked back the post-war years, remembering the only telephone in the Egyptian Hall where Stoics could phone home. Bringing us up to date, Chris highlighted the flourishing partnership with the National Trust and the outstanding work of the Stowe House Preservation Trust that has given us one of the most important buildings and landscape gardens in Britain.

The arrival of girls in 1974, followed by full co-education in 2003 were the theme of Baroness Stephanie Fraser's address. Baroness Fraser (Stanhope 86), and President of the Old Stoic Society, noted that female equality and respect were hard won in the early years, but girls rose to the challenge, and since then Stowe has produced some outstanding women including, broadcasters, journalists, actresses, Olympians and a Dame Commander of the British Empire.

The life of the Old Stoic and Oscar-winning actor David Niven was remembered by Christopher Tate (Walpole 71). He recounted how Stowe in the 1930s suited Niven's exuberant character and what JF Roxburgh called his 'ups and downs'. David Niven went on to become one of Stowe's most famous sons; a glittering Hollywood star with glamour and style.

Along with wonderful memories and rousing hymns, the congregation also heard Bible readings from Cressida Bonas (Nugent 07), and David McDonough OBE (Cobham 71), and prayers from Bishop Ric Thorpe, the Bishop of Islington (Walpole 83). Dr Wallersteiner concluded this wonderful Service of Celebration by looking to the future through our Change Maker vision. "When we are gone, we will be judged by our legacy - Stowe, our children, and our children's children. It is our fervent wish that in 2123, the School's Bicentenary, our descendants will be able to look back with equal pride, awe and wonder, over a second century of achievement."

Bev Kelly, Old Stoic Society, Interim Director



Chapel Choir

at Southwark Cathedral in London

On Wednesday 17 May, the Chapel Choir were joined by members of the Choral Society to perform as part of the Old Stoic Centenary Service at Southwark Cathedral. The Choir performed two anthems, 'O Come Ye Servants of the Lord' by Tye and Vivaldi's 'Gloria' which were greatly received by the congregation.

It was a privilege to be part of a very special and moving service and we are grateful to the Old Stoic Society for facilitating our inclusion.

Southwark Cathedral was an inspirational venue for the Choir to perform in and will have created a memory which I am sure the choristers will cherish for years to come. Thanks go to Mr Jonathan Kingston for his work in preparing the Choir, our incredibly talented and committed choristers and also to the Staff and Choral Society members who joined us on the day.

Emma Bryden, Director of Music



Stowe Beagles Puppy Show 2023



The 2023 Puppy Show was held on the South Front on Saturday 13 May. Almost 200 Old Stoics, parents, Staff and local supporters of the beagles attended

Beforehand, almost 90 parents, Old and current Stoics, along with the puppy walkers and judges, sat down to lunch at the kennels.

The Judges this year were Felicity Busby MFH, Joint Master of the Exmoor Foxhounds, who is the next-door neighbour of our outgoing Master and Huntsman Arthur Irvine (Upper Sixth, Chatham), and David Seels, Huntsman to our local Grafton Foxhounds.

As there were only three couple of puppies to judge this year, we held a small judging contest before the puppy show proper. The judges placed two and a half couple of bitch hounds in order, with the audience invited to enter their preferred order on a competition slip. The hounds wore different coloured collars to differentiate. Those whose answers corresponded with the judges were entered into a draw for a bottle of fizz, and Mrs Nic Manners, a local

supporter from Woodend was the winner.

In the show itself, the dog class was won by Poacher walked by the Strangman family, (Laurie Strangman, Bruce 57).

The bitch class was won by his sister Polo, walked by the Jeffery family at Towcester, who went on to win overall.

At tea following the show, retiring Master Arthur Irvine thanked the Head and Governors for their continued support of the pack. He also paid tribute to his Joint Masters, Henry Tavistock (Upper Sixth, Chatham), Daniel Boardman (Upper Sixth, Chatham) and Fred Watson (Upper Sixth, Grafton).

The new Masters for 2023-24, Lucas Stern (Lower Sixth, Grenville), William Hanson (Lower Sixth, Chatham) and Patrick Wilmot-Smith (Lower Sixth, Winton) were presented with the Master's Cup, donated by Guy Trevor-Jones (Chatham 06).

Phil Kennedy, Kennel Huntsman

POLO



On Wednesday 17 May three teams of Stoic polo players took to the pitches of Kirtlington Park Polo Club for their first grass match of the season.

They were to face the mighty Oxford University teams. Our A Team Captained by India Baillie (Queen's, Upper Sixth) with Luca Natella (Fifth Form, Cobham), Leander Sautter (Fourth Form, Cobham) and Charlie Hodges (Fourth Form, Chatham) took on the Oxford A team which was made up of Old Stoics Tom Gordon-Colbrook (Chandos 14) and Jamie Baillie (Cobham 19) (brother of our Captain India) and two other players.

On paper we matched the Oxford team's handicap however the physical size difference between our teams gave the Oxford team a false sense of security as Leander Sautter and Charlie Hodges quickly powered down the pitch and made powerful ride offs against the Oxford Captain.

Our team played fearlessly for four chukkas with some impressive plays by all of the team members. They went on to draw 10-10. This was a fantastic result and meant that the opposing sides of siblings India and Jamie Baillie didn't cause any domestic discord! It was excellent for our players to see the Old Stoics continuing their Polo journey at university.

Our B Team Captained by Freddie Farrell (Upper Sixth, Grenville) with Archie Vernon Miller (Fourth Form, Chatham), Jemima Hammond (Lower Sixth, Nugent) and Pia Glynn-Smith (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton) played a tough match against a higher handicapped Oxford team. They also went on to draw the game (3-3). This was especially impressive as none of our players had played on grass so far this season due to bad weather.

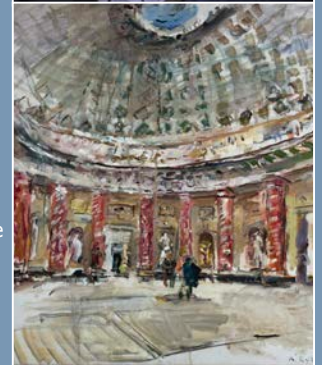
Our C Team Captained by Poppy Wates (Fourth Form, Queen's) with Domino Flint-Wood (Fourth Form, Queen's), Nora Bedi (Third Form, Stanhope) and Aizere Brekesh (Third Form, Stanhope) played really well in their first ever three chukka match. Sadly they were up against a more experienced group of players and despite a dazzling 60 yard penalty goal by Captain Poppy Wates, they lost 3-1.

I hope that this set of performances bodes well for the matches against Harrow and Eton in June, not to mention the National Championships at the end of this term. Many of these players will also be taking part in the first ever Centenary Polo Day on Saturday 24 June (tickets are available to book [here](#)).

Fiona Corthine, Head of Polo



Anthony Eyton Celebrating 100



Our programme of special Centenary events continued on Wednesday 17 May when, in the presence of distinguished guests, we celebrated the opening of a permanent exhibition of paintings by Anthony Eyton RA and Mark Flawn-Thomas (Grenville 72).

Over recent years, Anthony has been a very regular presence around Stowe, capturing the life of the School and its landscape in a wonderful body of work that all members of the Stowe community are very warmly encouraged to enjoy in the newly-named Eyton Gallery in the Chung Music School. We are indebted to those Old Stoics whose generosity enabled us to acquire the paintings for the School.

Eyton is a painter's painter - widely acknowledged by the cognoscenti to be one of our greatest living artists, but almost unknown to the wider public because he eschews publicity and prefers to devote himself to painting every day.

He started painting when he was a Boarder at Canford where he was occasionally tutored by the painter William Coldstream. It was Coldstream who persuaded Eyton to join Camberwell School of Art in 1947 after he was demobilised from the Army. Camberwell was the leading art college of the time and Eyton was taught by Coldstream, Victor Pasmore, and Claude Rogers. He won an Abbey Scholarship to study in Italy, where he was inspired by the work of Piero della Francesca.

Eyton produces aesthetically pleasing paintings which are concerned with traditional qualities such as close observation, subtle use of rhyming colour, careful measurement, balanced structural composition and depth. However, there is nothing conservative or reactionary about his work. Paintings are executed after months of direct observation and draughtsmanship in which the subject is investigated from many different angles in charcoal, pencil

and pastel drawings. Eyton constantly searches for the apposite image, a synthesis of memory, fact and sensation, to create a totality of awareness which conveys his physical and emotional connection to a place.

Over the years, Eyton has torn up any agreement about the approved subject matter for a painter: as artist-in-residence for the Eden Project in the 1990s, he worked among the cranes, bulldozers, and lorries, chronicling the construction of the futuristic-looking Biomes as they emerged from the clay pits around St Austell.

Initially treated with suspicion because construction and painting are not natural bedfellows, Eyton was eventually accepted by the construction team and there was general agreement that his paintings capture the spirit of the project more accurately than any photographs.

Eyton has also documented the hollowing out of Gilbert Scott's Bankside and Battersea Power Stations: industrial chimneys replace classical columns and the discarded detritus of redundant machinery stand in for the crumbling sarcophagi and collapsed capitals of a lost civilisation.

Eyton was elected a Royal Academician in 1986 and his paintings have won many accolades and prizes over the years, including the John Moores Prize in 1972 and the Charles Wollaston Award in 1989.

At Stowe, Eyton is to be found painting plein air in the landscaped gardens at all times of the year and in all its various guises. He captures and conveys the vitality of the landscape and the people who live and work in this extraordinary environment. Stippling, scumbling, and welcoming wild accidents, Eyton establishes the presence of an object by use of a vivid fragment of colour, an architectural detail, exploring the technical and expressive possibilities afforded by blending observational realism and painterly abstraction. An Eyton painting involves a tension between what is seen and hidden, abstract and figuration, contemplative and spontaneous, all focused into the central impulse of the creative act.

By very happy and notable coincidence, Stowe celebrated the centenary of its foundation on 11 May 2023 and Eyton reached his 100th birthday a week later, on 17 May. It is fitting that we commemorate these landmark events with the opening of a gallery to celebrate one of Britain's finest painters.

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Head





Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Canoe Expedition

In an exciting development, eight Fourth Formers embarked on Stowe's first DofE Expedition by canoe earlier this term. With little or no experience of canoeing, it was an excited group who took to the water on the River Ouse just outside Bedford.

Over the course of the first day, much was learnt about steering the boats, paddling in a straight line and of course teamwork, not to mention the unexpected exertion required to portage when reaching locks and weirs.

The group quickly found their paddling stride and the end of the first day saw the boys arriving tired at their woodland campsite. After an evening of campfires and the experience of camping under a

spring canopy, the second day saw the boys underway bright and early.

Day Two saw a much more competent group on the water and there was far less contact with the river banks! After almost 40km on the water and nine portages behind them, the boys were happy with their achievement but definitely not of the opinion that it is an easier option than a walking expedition!

We are all looking forward to the Qualifying Expedition in June, which will take place on the River Nene starting near Oundle. With the first canoe expedition now behind us, we are also looking forward to expanding our offer to Silvers and Golds next year.

Gwilym Jones, DofE Team



ROWING

It was a good day for the Stowe rowers at Worcester Regatta on Saturday 20 May.

A first-ever (in 100 years) Stowe girls' Eight contested the Final with St Edward's. Seven of Stowe's Eight are from Stanhope, so special thanks to Louise Carter (Houseparent), for making this possible. Teddies were delighted we'd made the trip to Worcester to race them.

Racing began at 9am and our Junior-14 boys, Hecco Harrison (Third Form, Temple) and Ben Cousins (Third Form, Bruce), won race-after-race, until their last race of the day, around 8pm.

In the double sculls, Hecco, Ben and Luca Grimble (Third Form, Winton) and Max Frohnsdorff (Third Form, Temple) saw off the best that Cheltenham College and Monmouth School could offer, for an all-Stowe Final, which was wonderful to watch, with both crews racing like furies.

With Orlando Mayhew (Third Form, Chatham) coxing, they cleared out a 16-boat Junior-14 quads event, winning against Teddies, and two of Old Stoic Natalie McDaid's (Lyttelton 09) Cheltenham crews, before meeting their match in the Final.

Will Crabb (Lower Sixth, Winton), Max Poliza (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and Agnès Edwards (Third Form, Stanhope) all raced competitively in their singles, but all finished Second. Agnès was especially nervous, before her first-ever single race, so started too cautiously, and was disappointed not to win (against the Inter-Regionals Champion - the de facto National Champion).

Teaming up with Lorraine Yan (Third Form, Stanhope), they had better luck in double sculls, achieving Stowe's first girls' rowing win, in nearly 10 years.

Max Cowper-Hart (Lower Sixth, Winton) and Oliver Bicknell (Lower Sixth, Winton) joined the other Sixth Form boys to race in the adult Fours, achieving a good win over the men from Stourport Boat Club. With Andrew Arnold stepping-in for a now unwell Max Poliza, they lost out to a strong University of Birmingham crew in the Final.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the team and helped get them to an event they've enjoyed.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach



ForEver Stowe



On Friday 21 April, volunteers from the ForEver Stowe Group, visited Evergreen School (a Special Educational Needs school). We have previously visited the School and invited them to spend a day with us at Stowe, when we engaged in a myriad of activities with the pupils. This has allowed us to form a close bond with the pupils and Teachers at Evergreen, which we all cherish.

We departed from Stowe at 8:45 am and drove to the School in Warwickshire; giving us plenty of time to spend at Evergreen. As soon as we arrived, we were warmly welcomed and given a tour of the School by two pupils. We found that rooms, such as the sensory room, were extremely relaxing and fun!

After the tour, we were given the opportunity to learn some Makaton from one of the Teachers; a form of sign language that allows us to

have easier communication with the pupils. Many of the words we learnt related to Pirates, as that is the theme for Evergreen's forthcoming visit to Stowe. Everyone really enjoyed learning Makaton and the experience will become invaluable the more we are able to work with the School.

After lunch, we spent the last two hours interacting with the activities that each classroom was doing, helping where possible. One of the fun activities that we were able to get involved in was helping the children make their own solar system!

Everyone who visited had an incredibly fun day and learnt a lot about children with learning difficulties. We are all very excited to host the Evergreen pupils after the half term break!

Ruby Colebrook & Jemima Dare
(both Lower Sixth, Queen's)



Careers in Real Estate with Alice Serby, Knight Frank

Stowe Futures dived into an insightful talk with Alice Serby who is working at Knight Frank on their Graduate Programme. Alice spoke not only about Knight Frank's graduate scheme but also her personal experiences from her A Levels to where she is now; soon starting her last rotation before taking the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) exam to acquire a professional qualification to work as a Chartered Surveyor.

In the Sixth Form, Alice was interested in a career in finance however, she did not take Maths at A Level as she believed that taking a humanity's subject at university would allow many avenues into a variation of careers. In her second-year Summer while at Bristol, Alice began thinking about her future, and having no prior experience in Real Estate took an internship at Knight Frank. Alice enjoyed her time with the firm and was interviewed at the end of the internship for a place on the Graduate Surveyors' Programme.

Enticed by the global scale of the company; after completing her History course at Bristol Alice took a Gap year before moving to London to join the programme. She stresses the understanding that Knight Frank does not just sell houses; they work across commercial property, consultancies, valuations and capital markets. Knight Frank have also been at the heart of some incredible projects including the re-development of London's Olympic Village, Battersea Power Station re-generation, and they won the instruction to sell 231 prime residential units at the Royal Atlantis in Dubai.

Alice spoke in detail about the logistics of the scheme; ultimately Knight Frank pays for postgraduates to study then pass the APC exam after four six-month rotations across the different fields of Knight Frank. While passing the APC is

not necessary for all areas, Alice described how useful the qualification is and that the firm strongly advises employees to do so and offers the necessary support for candidates. The beauty of the scheme is that as you work throughout the company you gain relevant knowledge from all areas, aiding candidates to, at the end of the rotations, pick the area they felt most compelled by.

There are two ways to enter the scheme; the cognate route or the other which Alice took. This meant that although she entered the programme having zero experience in Real Estate, both candidates get the same experience. Alice expressed how she enjoyed that she was amongst people from many different academic backgrounds. In her first rotations, Alice completed her Masters in Real Estate full-time, so that in her other rotations she could get more involved and not have to worry about studying. Alice went into the scheme thinking she was more inclined into commercial Real Estate however she has decided to go back to the Residential Development Team for her final rotation as she very much enjoyed this area of the company.

We would like to thank Alice for speaking to us about the Graduate Scheme and giving some more insight into Knight Frank, and for her openness when describing her personal experiences during the take-off of her career in the industry. Alice is open to any personal questions anyone may have whether that be about Bristol University, Knight Frank or other graduate programmes in this industry.

Please contact **Mrs Guntner-Jones**, Careers Advisor, if you have further questions or would like advice on the Real Estate Industry.

Mimi Price (Lower Sixth, Cheshire)

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FUTURES

STOWE'S CENTENARY SUMMER SEASON CONTINUES!

With Sports Day, the eve-of-Speech Day concert and Speech Day itself all taking place this week, our Centenary Summer Season continues with three outstanding events in June and early July - and we urge you, if you haven't already secured tickets, to do so very soon. We would love you and your guests to join us at any or all of them.

CENTENARY BALL

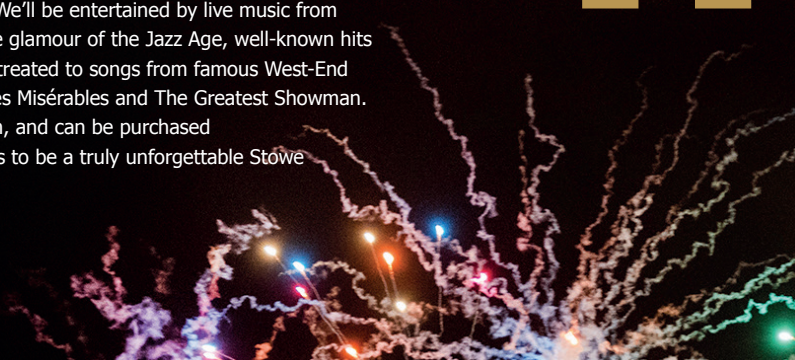
Saturday 1 July 2023



The Centenary Ball on Saturday 1 July will be the biggest gathering of the Stowe community for many years, with nearly two thousand guests eating, drinking and dancing the night away. We'll be entertained by live music from The Goodwins, The Chance Band and a DJ. That music will range from the glamour of the Jazz Age, well-known hits from the decades and dance-floor favourites. On the main stage, we'll be treated to songs from famous West-End musicals, including Mama Mia, The Jersey Boys, Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables and The Greatest Showman. There are still a limited number of Food Court tickets available at £90 each, and can be purchased from the website [Stowe School - Stowe Centenary Ball](#). This promises to be a truly unforgettable Stowe evening, not to be repeated for another 100 years!

HOW TO BOOK

Please follow this [link](#) to book Food Court Tickets;
Food Court Tickets are £90 per person (£75 for Under 30s)



Centenary Polo Day

Saturday 24 June 2023 at Oxford Polo OX25 3AA

The Stowe Centenary Polo Day takes place on Saturday 24 June from 12 noon at Oxford Polo's new location outside Weston-on-the-Green founded by David Ashby (Chatham 03).

There are three games showcasing Stowe's Polo heritage and commitment to youth Polo, culminating with the Old Stoic Concord vs Victory match. There will be artisan food and drink, a tented shopping village and other entertainment.

This event will be a fun, family-oriented and action-packed day, perfect for reunions. Tickets cost £25 (under 13s are free), and all details and tickets can be found [here](#).

Stowe School's Centenary Polo Day proudly supporting Thames Valley Air Ambulance.



Henley Royal Regatta

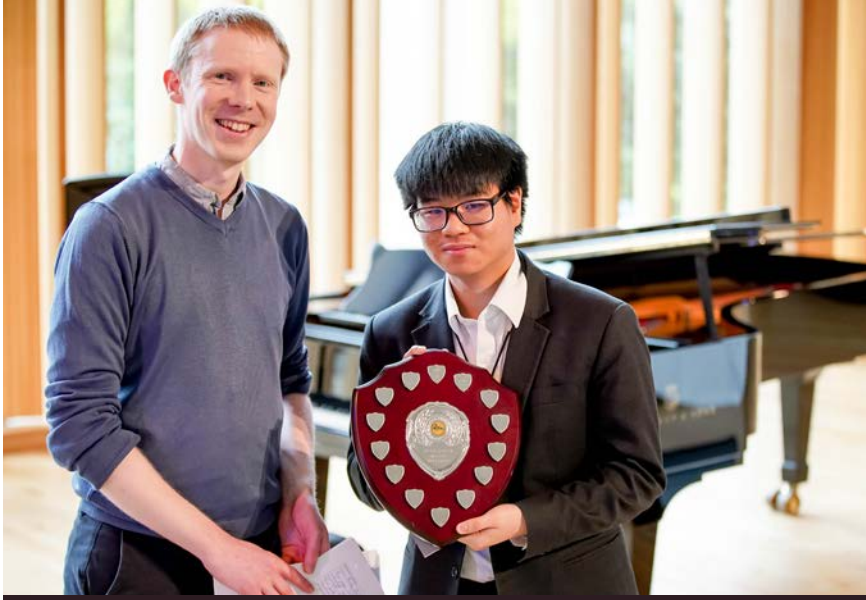
Tuesday 27 June

Hot on the heels of the Polo, Stowe will be taking part in the Henley Royal Regatta on Tuesday 27 June. There will be a row-past of a mixed eight crew of Stoic rowers alongside Canford School (also celebrating its Centenary).

This is the first time ever that Stowe has participated in the Royal Regatta in this way, for what will unquestionably be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a marvellous showcase for rowing at Stowe. If you would like to support our rowers and be part of the Stowe group at Henley on the day, please [email us](#).



We do hope to see you during the excitement of this continuing Centenary Summer Season!



PRIDE

Stowe's Inaugural Pride Conference

The Stowe Pride Society hosted the School's first ever Pride Conference on Wednesday 10 May, which saw local schools all coming together to exchange ideas on how to best safeguard pupils within the LGBTQ+ community.

The day started with an introductory message from the Head, who welcomed the schools to Stowe and expressed his desire to promote equality and diversity at the School. The conference then continued with three key-note speakers giving presentations about their experiences within the queer community. We heard from Mazz Image, a photographer who grew up in the gay village in Sydney, who spoke about her experience within the drag scene in Australia. We then heard from Martin Prendergast, who is an LGBTQ+ activist and speaker. He spoke about growing up as a gay teenager and how his school life affected him. We also heard from an organisation called 'Just Like Us' who outlined the meaning behind the LGBTQ+ community and pride, and how to protect yourself and others who might struggle with discrimination at school.

Following this, all pupils had the option to join four breakout rooms, led by Stoics Norrie Macdonald (Upper Sixth, Stanhope), Ned Goodrich (Lower Sixth, Chandos), Owen Gunn (Lower Sixth, Chandos) and myself. These rooms gave the pupils from each school a chance to express their views on their own school life, and to exchange ideas on how their schools can best tackle LGBTQ+ discrimination. All the ideas that the pupils exchanged were noted for future use in developing the schools' safeguarding policies.

The day ended with a pride party, with lots of food, glitter, and a bit too much pride bunting! Overall, the day was an enormous success and the pupils who visited thoroughly enjoyed it. Special thanks go to Miss Stockley, Miss Walsh and Dr Potter for organising and setting up the event.

Finley Simpson (Lower Sixth, Grenville)



Mozart Trio Prize 2023

On Sunday 30 April eight Stoics competed for the coveted Mozart Trio Prize. There was a vast array of styles and musical disciplines on display and every competitor performed to an exceptionally high standard.

Owen Gunn (Lower Sixth, Chandos) began the competition with highly emotive performances of two songs, the first from Sondheim's 'Company' and the second from '13' by Jason Robert Brown. Olivia Ng (Third Form, Lyttelton) displayed mature musicality and an assured piano technique during her performance of Berkovich's 'Variations on a Theme of Paganini'.

The next performer, Milo Xing (Fifth Form, Chandos), performed the first movement of Bach's 'A Minor Violin Concerto' before giving a lyrical and moving account of the second movement of Tchaikovsky's 'Violin Concerto in D'. Tamia Sibanda (Third Form, Lyttelton) presented two vocal items, 'Hometown Glory' by Adele and 'To Leave Something Behind' by Sean Rowe, which showcased not only the richness and depth of her vocal tone but also a powerful command of the stage which captivated the audience.

Ryan Zheng (Fifth Form, Grenville) performed two highly contrasting piano pieces, the technically challenging 'Polonaise in G Sharp Minor' by Chopin and the emotive 'The Wind of Life' by Joe Hisaishi, both of which were performed with a mature stylistic awareness. Tham Luanghvisut (Upper Sixth, Walpole) then delighted the audience with a captivating and atmospheric rendition of the first two movements of 'Light of Sothis' by

Amy Quate which he followed with an animated delivery of the third movement of Ronald Binge's 'Saxophone Concerto'.

The penultimate competitor, Gaia Mesonero-Perez (Fourth Form, Lyttelton) performed her first piece, 'No.2 from Six Dances in Bulgarian Rhythm' by Bartok with rhythmic brilliance and an excellent command of the instrument. This was followed by a performance of 'October' by Tchaikovsky which featured sensitively crafted phrases which drew in the listener. Matthew Ryland (Upper Sixth, Bruce) closed the competition with a rousing performance of 'Lord God of Abraham' by Mendelssohn before delivering a sensitive and highly emotive presentation of 'Come Away, Death' by Roger Quilter.

The competition was adjudicated this year by Dr Adam Whittaker, Head of Pedagogy at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, who provided each competitor with in-depth feedback which they found highly valuable. The results of the competition were;

First Place: Tham Luanghvisut

Second Place: Ryan Zheng

Third Place: Gaia Mesonero-Perez

Our congratulations go to all the competitors for such an engaging afternoon of musically mature performances. Thanks are also given to Mr Ben Andrew for his skilful accompaniment of pupils and to all our Visiting Music Teachers for their continued support and nurture of Stoics in their weekly instrumental and vocal lessons.

Emma Bryden, Director of Music

CRICKET

The 1st XI have continued their excellent early season form, beating Bucks County on Tuesday 25 April and then producing one of the finest performances in recent memory on the North Front on Saturday 29 April against Harrow. Thanks to a superb bowling and fielding performance, Stowe got Harrow out for 137. Wilf Pickard (Lower Sixth, Cobham) picked up three early wickets then Harvey Julyan (Upper Sixth, Winton) bowled accurately to take four wickets. In reply, Stowe raced along at nearly six an over thanks to some positive stroke play from Ewan Hughes-Rowlands (Upper Sixth, Walpole) and Charlie Oldershaw (Lower Sixth, Winton). Ewan got his fifty; this was a dominant display against one of the top cricketing schools.

In the block against St Edward's on Saturday 13 May, our 1st XI found themselves in their deepest hole so far this season. After we lost early wickets, the prospect of a win was out of the question, so the mindset changed to that peculiar cricket style of play; aiming to survive and end with a draw. With some grit, patience and concentration we managed that, so we still haven't lost a game this season. Well done to the 2nd XI who, in same block, won on the North Front again, and to all the B teams at each age group who got wins. Notably our Fourth Form teams are particularly strong this year.

On Friday, 19 May the 1st XI played their third round National T20 cup match against Oakham. Oakham had been in good form, but Stowe were right on it from the first ball and managed to restrict Oakham to just 103 for 8 in their 20 overs. Wilf Pickard and Will Harrison were the pick of the bowlers with five wickets between them. Stowe made short work of the chase needing only 12 overs to get the runs with Wilf Pickard (37 not out) the highest scorer. The next day Stowe followed this win up with a four wicket win against Rugby. Rugby posted a decent 218 off their fifty overs, but thanks to a

fine century from Charlie Oldershaw Stowe got home with eight overs to spare.

In the U17 cup match against St Edward's on Wednesday 26 April, Stowe managed to reach the target of 151 set by St Edward's in 30 overs, with Aadi Sharma (Lower Sixth, Winton) and Freddie Timmis (Lower Sixth, Grafton) both getting fifties.

Lower down the School the Junior Colts A XI have been one of the best performing teams. They are in two National cups and have been indebted to the form from Captain Archie Lazarus-Ingham (Fourth Form, Winton), Noah Musikanth (Fourth Form, Grafton) and Zac Julyan (Fourth Form, Winton). For the Yearlings A Toby Sutliff (Third Form, Bruce) scored a century against Rugby - achieving that feat off the last ball of the match, which also were the winning runs for the team. Both Toby and Third Form colleague - Aayush Baluja (Third Form, Bruce) - have been playing up in the Junior Colts A cup team, with Aayush scoring 62 versus MCS, Oxford.

The girls first game of the season was against Kimbolton and took place on the picturesque South Front pitch on Wednesday 26 April. Stowe opened the batting with a strong partnership from Lizzie Knott (Upper Sixth, Cheshire) and Freya Embley (Lower Sixth, Queen's). Lizzie finishing the innings with 75* including 11 boundaries. Stowe reached an impressive score of 167/7. A good team display in the field saw Kimbolton finish with 134/4 and therefore a win for Stowe.

All sides beat Bloxham in the midweek matches on Wednesday 25 April, with Toby Sutliff (Third Form, Bruce) scoring the highest number of runs in those matches.

Well done to the Junior Colts who, on Friday 12 May, beat Aylesbury Grammar School to progress to the next round of the County Cup.

James Knott, Head of Cricket

This Summer Stowe Cricket is raising money for the Ruth Strauss Foundation.

The foundation raises money to support families facing the death of a parent and it drives the need for more research into non-smoking lung cancers.

To make a donation please visit our web page: [GivePenny | Turn Cricket Red 2023](#)

About The Ruth Strauss Foundation

In early 2018 Ruth Strauss, wife of former England cricket captain Sir Andrew Strauss, was diagnosed with a terminal lung cancer that affects non-smokers. Ruth died in December 2018; she was 46 years old and mother to two children, then aged 10 and 13. In her memory, Sir Andrew Strauss set up the Ruth Strauss Foundation.

23,600 parents with dependent children die each year in the UK (*Source: Child Bereavement UK*).

41,000 children are affected by the death of a parent each year in the UK (*Source: Child Bereavement Network*).

112 children on average are facing the death of a parent each day.

Every year more than **6,000** people in the UK are diagnosed with non-smoking lung cancer. Over **57%** are diagnosed at stage IV when there is no curative treatment.

The Ruth Strauss Foundation's mission is two-fold:

To ensure that every family with a child facing the death of a parent from cancer is offered the professional emotional support they need to prepare the family for the future.

To facilitate collaboration and influence research in the fight against non-smoking lung cancers, so that together we find the causes sooner and improve outcomes. Please help support this worthwhile charity.



GOLF

Ed Davis (Upper Sixth, Bruce), Miles Dickinson (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and Elliot Strickland (Lower Sixth, Grenville) represented Stowe at the National Finals at Sleafy Hall near Newcastle on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 April.

There were 19 schools competing from all over England and Scotland, all of whom qualified for the Finals by winning their regional competitions. Ed Davis played superbly to end the two rounds under par on a very testing course and in extremely difficult conditions. The team finished the competition in Seventh position which confirms Stowe's status as one of the top schools for Golf in the country.

Congratulations to Ed who finished Third individually overall which is outstanding at a National Event.

On the afternoon of Saturday 13 May, 12 of the School's elite golfers played for the Laddie Lucas Trophy; an 18 hole scratch competition with the honour of claiming to be the School's best golfer on the day.

The overall winner was Miki Khurseed (Fifth Form, Bruce) scoring 2 over par for 18 holes off the white tees in breezy conditions.

Second was Ed Davis (Upper Sixth, Bruce) with 4 over par, and Third was Tristan Dickinson (Fourth Form, Grenville) scoring 5 over par.

The Winner of the handicap trophy was Tristan Dickinson and the Runner Up was Jamie Crabbie (Lower Sixth, Grafton).

Craig Sutton, Director of Sport

FUTURE'S

Travel Safety Training

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Travel Safety Training

On Thursday 20 April, Sixth Form pupils were invited to attend the "Objective" Travel Safety Course. Throughout the afternoon we covered a lot of topics all of which were of great importance and will certainly come to use when travelling; whether it be on a gap year or in later life. Our presenters, Charlie and Looby, informed us about planning, health advice, money, what to take with you, how to keep yourself going and overall, just how to survive a gap year!

Safety awareness is increasingly important for young travellers such as ourselves and so this one-day course was perfect. We were given advice, warnings and responses to almost any situations you could face when travelling. Taking part in this course allows us to be confident when travelling, which will allow us to expand our horizons even more as we won't be scared to get off the beaten track and explore.

During the afternoon we were shown the imperatives when packing your bag to go travelling as well as playing out some different scenarios. For example, we spoke about the importance of realising the safety of situations you may find yourself in, like choosing the right hostel and the danger of an empty street. We became much more aware about how the confidence we have in ourselves will transfer across to the people around us.

By attending this course, we have definitely gained the confidence we need to navigate tricky situations that we may encounter and to become respectful worldwide citizens.

Another key part of our course was focused on different types of illnesses. With in-depth knowledge from the course leaders, who were very well travelled, we were able to gain first-hand knowledge on important vaccinations and how to decide if food may be safe to eat or not. We are assured that this knowledge will come in great use when we are travelling and will prevent us from wasting any time being sick!

All of these topics are aspects of travelling that may be



overlooked but are actually some of the most crucial areas you need to consider to make your gap year a lot smoother and a lot more enjoyable. We both found this course interesting and extremely useful! If you are thinking of travelling, we both definitely recommend this course.

If you would like more information about travel safety or planning your gap year, please click [here](#) or speak to Mrs Guntner-Jones.

Martha Robertson (Lower Sixth, Stanhope)
& Jemima Dare (Lower Sixth, Queen's)

Service@Stowe

Buckingham Primary School

We have been regularly visiting Buckingham Primary School to volunteer with helping at the School and teaching the children. Being lucky enough to go into all the classes, we have bonded with the children in all the Year Groups, so teaching them and reading with them is a pleasure, and we thoroughly look forward to it each week.

One of our jobs has been to help with litter picking around the School; this helps the School stay tidy and be a nice environment for the children. We have also been volunteering within the Nursery, helping them learn their numbers and letters and to make learning fun and enjoyable for them.

Finally, we were also lucky enough to see the new Foundation, Year 1, and Year 2 playground be opened, which the children are so pleased about.

We have all very much enjoyed volunteering at the Primary Schools.

Isabella Reeder (Lower Sixth, Cheshire)





EQUESTRIAN



Lucy Willmott (Lower Sixth, Nugent) won the Open 90-95cm, 16 and under class at Bignell Hunter Trials on Sunday 30 April; a fantastic result for both horse and rider.

Olive De Courcy-Ireland (Fourth Form, Nugent) represented Stowe at Goring Heath, School Equestrian Games (SEG) on Monday 1 May and qualified in the 80cm class for the SEG Championships later this year.

Anabelle Robbins (Third Form, Nugent) has been busy competing with her pony Katie, honing each of the disciplines and taking a well-deserved second place in the Prelim class at Hinton Dressage event on Thursday 4 May.

Bella Timmis (Fourth Form, Stanhope) and Araminta Spencer-Churchill (Fifth Form, Stanhope) competed at Aston le Walls on Sunday 14 May, competing in the British

Eventing 100cm class. Araminta jumped clear in the Showjumping and Cross-Country phases to finish just outside the top 10 in the Under 18 competition.

Izzy Russell (Fourth Form, Cheshire) has also been busy competing in Showjumping across the country. Izzy finished in the top ten at the National Winter Pony Finals on Sunday 7 May, an excellent achievement. She also had great results at Cherwell on Sunday 14 May, winning the 100cm class and coming third in the 110cm class.

Congratulations to all our riders for their hard work and fantastic achievements.

Unfortunately, the Stowe Mini Eventer Challenge which had been due to be held on Sunday 14 May, was cancelled due to the ground conditions. We look forward to running another event later in the year.

Becky Coote, Head of Equestrian



TENNIS

The block against Repton School on Saturday 29 April was a positive experience with a healthy number of Stowe teams winning their matches comfortably, notably the Fourth and Fifth Form girls. The U15 no. 1 pair of Tabi Acher (Fourth Form, Queen's) and Izzy Bond (Fourth Form, Queen's) are leading the way having won all their sets so far this season.

Our Senior boys' and girls' teams found themselves playing against Repton's full-time Tennis Scholars who put on an impressive display of power hitting, and although we didn't win those matches, our players raised their games and enjoyed the challenge.

All our teams played Uppingham on Saturday 13 May and it was great to watch the boys' and girls' 1st teams pick up convincing victories. Well done again to Arin Chatsuan (Lower Sixth, Grenville) and Bear Hewlett (Fifth Form, Cobham), Ruby Colebrook (Lower Sixth, Queen's) and Annie Flint (Lower Sixth, Queen's) who played as first pairs and won all their sets.

The boys' 2nd team also got a win and well done to other notable pairings who won all their sets including Sam Percy (Fourth Form, Cobham) and Jerry Liu (Fourth Form, Chandos); who are proving to be a very strong first pair for the U15s, Tabi Acher and Izzy Bond again winning all their sets for the U15s, also Sam Shortridge (Fifth Form, Winton) and Henry Roberts (Fifth Form, Chatham) who were unbeaten for the U16s. Another pair to add to this list is Ben Shortridge and Max Kalbassi (Third Form, Cobham) the first pair in the U14s who managed the same impressive feat.

Chris Hampton, Director of Racket Sports

ROWING

24 rowers travelled to the Evesham regatta on Saturday 29 April.

Well done in particular to Will Crabb (Lower Sixth, Winton) who won the U18 singles event, which is an excellent achievement, and to Luca Grimble (Third Form, Winton) and George Seward (Third Form, Walpole) who won their race as a pair and are showing real promise.

The rowers are training hard on the Stowe lakes, and the rowing club would welcome any new pupils who just want to have a go now the weather is getting warmer.

Andrew Rudkin, Rowing Coach

ATHLETICS

A large team of athletes travelled to Rugby School for the next round of Inter-School League on Saturday 13 May. Well done, in particular, to Tom Mayo (Lower Sixth, Winton) who is proving to be the fastest Senior 100m runner on the circuit.

Congratulations to Third Former Elsie Jacobs (Cheshire) who ran a phenomenal 2 mins 16 secs for 800m last weekend, and is now ranked tenth in the UK!

Grant Seely, Head of Athletics



Safeguarding at Stowe

Pornography and Young People



Between 2021-22 the Children's Commissioner led a Government-commissioned review into online sexual harassment and abuse, which involved speaking to children and young people about peer-perpetrated sexual violence. Young people stated, in unequivocal terms, that harmful behaviour is directly influenced by violent pornography.

The report draws together research from focus groups with teenagers aged 13-19 and a survey of 1,000 young people aged 16-21. Of the 64% who said that they had ever seen online pornography:

- Pornography exposure is widespread and normalised - to the extent that children cannot 'opt-out'. The average age at which children first see pornography is 13. By age nine, 10% had seen pornography, 27% had seen it by age 11 and half of

children who had seen pornography had seen it by age 13.

- Young people are frequently exposed to violent pornography, depicting coercive, degrading or pain-inducing sex acts; 79% had encountered violent pornography before the age of 18. Young people expressed concern about the implications of violent pornography on their understanding of the difference between sexual pleasure and harm. Indeed, this report finds that frequent users of pornography are more likely to engage in physically aggressive sex acts.
- Pornography is not confined to dedicated adult sites. Twitter was the online platform where young people were most likely to have seen pornography. Fellow mainstream social networking platforms Instagram and Snapchat rank closely after dedicated pornography sites.

To read more on the report from the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, click [here](#).

To download the report: Online Safety Commission from Government: Our recommendations for making the online world safer for children click [here](#).

To view The CCO Information Sheet on Pornography and young people click [here](#)

 **CHILDREN'S
COMMISSIONER**



Last duty as Lord Lieutenant Cadet to Countess Howe, Lord Lieutenant Buckinghamshire

On Wednesday 26 April, I returned to Penn House for the final time to give out the first round of King Charles III's BEM medals. BEM stands for British Empire Medal, and it is awarded to those who have contributed significantly to their local community or county in the recent years, in particular during Covid 19.

I was able to network with some lovely people and even came across two siblings who spent their childhood walking around Stowe's grounds. Unfortunately, this was my final official outing as the Lord Lieutenant Cadet this year, but I have loved every moment of this role and look forward to seeing who in the future will succeed me.

Overall, the day out was a lovely experience and a fantastic way to conclude my time in the position.

Max James (Upper Sixth, Cobham)



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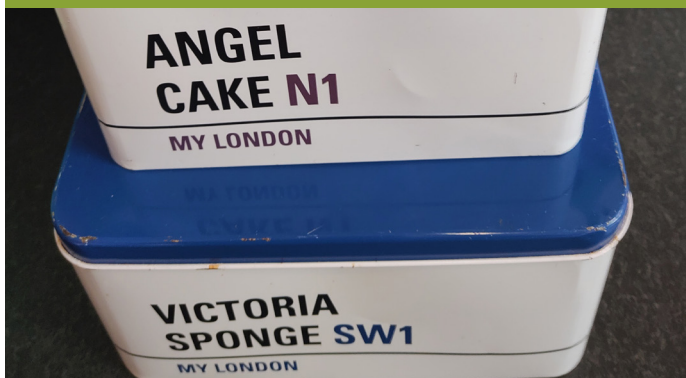
Romanian Project Cake Sale

On Thursday 11 May, Centenary Day, the Service@Stowe Romanian Schools Project pupil group, led by Alicia Wilson (Lower Sixth, Lyttelton), arranged a cake sale to raise funds for their charity project. The group did all the work themselves, writing to all Staff and asking for cakes to be donated. Thank you to the Staff, parents and teachers who donated, and also a big thank you to the Catering Department for not only storing the cakes until the event, but also for helping out with paper plates, napkins and cutlery to serve the cakes.

Pupils were very generous in purchasing cakes for themselves and others, hence the sale was very successful with the stall nearly selling out of cakes completely. Indeed, it may well have done if not for a late rain shower which put a small damper on the last hour or so of the event. Thank you to the CCF for the loan of their gazebo; it saved the day when the rain arrived.

The sale will have raised a fantastic £700 when all the pocket money has been collected. This incredible amount of money means a significant amount of cake was sold at £1 or £2 a slice! Many pupils helped with the sale showing great School spirit.

Rowland Shuttleworth, Service@Stowe



Stoic Travels

Henry Tavistock (Upper Sixth, Chatham) and I will be embarking on a month long journey around Europe and northern areas of Africa. Our trip will be done in a 1L Vauxhall car which we are currently restoring into an ice cream van. The trip is roughly 6,000 miles long and will see us travelling across seas, up the Alps and to salt flats in Tunisia. We are doing this for a charity called Cool Earth who invest into protecting the rainforests and the people living in it.

Our trip will be documented on our Instagram page [@whippy.poi](#) and on here you can also donate on our [GoFundMe](#) page. Any donations are much appreciated!

Drake Selby Boddy (Upper Sixth, Chatham)



STOWE PRESENTS

Sunday 4 June 2023

THE NOT SO GRIMM TALES

Children's Theatre returns for May Half Term

The new Stowe Presents series of events is bringing children's theatre back to The Roxburgh Theatre for Half Term week. At 11am on Sunday 4 June, innovative and entertaining theatre company Wrongsemble will be welcoming audiences to their new show *The Not So Grimm Tales*.

Watch the short trailer [here](#). Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

The show lasts for one hour and is suitable for young audiences, aged 4 and above.

We look forward to welcoming you to the theatre during Half Term!

Simon Wales, Stowe Presents



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